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An Evening at the Hook features

Collision of Cultures: The Story of the Land in the Conflict between European and Native Cultures on the Nanticoke

The continuing lecture series, “An Evening at the Hook”, continues the 2010 season with “Collision of Cultures: The Story of the Land in the Conflict between European and Native Cultures on the Nanticoke” on Thursday, March 11, 2010, at 7:00 PM. Farm runoff, development, commercial fishing regulations, all of these controversial issues we read about so often in the newspaper stem from opposing viewpoints on how best to manage and use the land and waterways of the Delmarva Peninsula. But this is not a new topic for the area, in fact it is part of a much larger story which stretches all the way back to the 1600’s when Europeans first stepped foot on these shores. Come join Matthew Heim of the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance and researcher of local history, as he explores the culture and land use patterns of Delmarva’s aboriginal inhabitants and the Europeans who came to settle along the banks of the Nanticoke River and its tributaries, one of Delmarva’s earliest land use disputes. Join us before the lecture at 6:30pm for light refreshments.

“An Evening at the Hook” is a lecture series that highlights this nation’s abundant and diverse natural resources, particularly close to home at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge. Featured on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Refuge Auditorium, these hour-long programs provide an exciting opportunity to learn intriguing facts about our plants, animals, environment, and cultural history. The lectures are free, open to the public, and fun for the entire family. Seating is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call the Refuge at (302) 684-8419 for more information.

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